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Modals in the past

1 Complete the sentences with the phrases below.

can't have could have might not have must have should have shouldn't have

- 1 I _____ used my satnav. This map is really old and now I'm completely lost.
- 2 Oh look, that's Jon's phone on the desk. He _____ forgotten it.
- 3 My computer isn't working. I'm not sure why, but I _____ downloaded some malware when I clicked on that link.
- 4 He _____ sent this text message. He hasn't got a phone.
- 5 I _____ tried to update my phone software. I did it last night and now my phone doesn't work at all.
- 6 You _____ deleted that document. Perhaps you saved it to a different folder.

2 Complete the text with the correct past modal form of the verbs in brackets.

- Kim** My laptop is missing! It's got all my homework on it!
- Steve** OK, don't panic. When did you last have it?
- Kim** Well, it was in my bag when I was on the train yesterday afternoon. But when I got off the train, it wasn't there.
- Steve** Someone on the train ¹ _____ (must / steal) it! Who was sitting next to you?
- Kim** An elderly lady. But she ² _____ (can't / take) the laptop. She got off the train with me, and she didn't have any luggage.
- Steve** It ³ _____ (might / fall) out of your bag. Was the bag closed?
- Kim** No, it wasn't.
- Steve** Well, that's not good. You ⁴ _____ (shouldn't / leave) your bag open.
- Kim** Yes, well, I know that now.
- Steve** Have you called the train company? They ⁵ _____ (could / find) it.
- Kim** No, I haven't called them yet.
- Steve** Well, you ⁶ _____ (should / call) them first of all!
- Kim** Actually, I've just remembered something. I ⁷ _____ (might / not / lose) my laptop. In fact, I ⁸ _____ (may / forget) to put it in my bag before I got onto the train.
- Steve** So where is it?
- Kim** Well, I ⁹ _____ (must / leave) it at my aunt's house. That's where I was yesterday morning.
- Steve** Mystery solved!